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Pregnant Teen Murdered in Road Rage Clash

Tangi Times Report

On Sunday, August 24, at approximately 9:00am, three people were driving in a Ford Expedition on North Hoover Road, on the east side of Ponchatoula. The vehicle was driven by an unidentified male. He was accompanied by his girlfriend, 17-year-old Ponchatoula resident Katelynn Strate, in the front passenger seat, and an unidentified third party in the rear seat.

While driving, they encountered another driver in a silver Dodge pickup truck traveling in the same direction. For reasons unclear, the two drivers engaged in a roadway altercation that involved mutual tailgating and brake-checking (the lead driver slamming the brakes to threaten the following driver with a potential rear-end collision).

The silver Dodge pickup was driven by 54-year-old Barry West of Tickfaw.

The Dodge was behind the Ford Expedition, and at some point, West pulled out a pistol and fired a round through the rear of the Expedition, striking passenger Katelynn Strate in the head. When the driver of the Expedition realized that his girlfriend had been shot, he immediately called 911 and rushed to the hospital.

Katelynn was seven months pregnant at the time.

Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) apprehended West, who claimed that he believed that the occupants of the Ford Expedition had fired shots at him first. TPSO investigated and determined that not only had no shots been fired from the Expedition, but there was no gun present in the vehicle.

West was booked into the Tangipahoa Parish Jail on four counts of Attempted Second Degree Murder, one count of Illegal Use of a Weapon, and Obstruction of Justice.

The victim was admitted to the hospital in critical condition. The baby was delivered by emergency Caesarian section (C-section) and immediately placed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). As of the latest report, the baby is well and expected to grow healthily.

Katelynn remained on life support through the evening while her family made the difficult decision of whether to prolong the inevitable or allow her to pass peacefully into paradise.

The next evening, following her family's decision to give the gift of life, Katelynn officially became a donor hero. Her 28-week-old baby continues to do well under medical care.

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Doing God's Work

People make a difference in the wake of the Smitty's disaster

Tangi Times Report

Every once in a while in life, you encounter someone so selfless, so caring, so giving, that they seem to have been sent directly from heaven – possibly even as an angel – to help people who are at their lowest, with no expectation of anything in return. Those of us who are fortunate enough to encounter one of these people are truly blessed, for it doesn't happen often. This kind of person can turn despair into relief, hunger into satisfaction, tears into laughter…

Now imagine a scenario where dozens of these angels come together to help hundreds of people who suffer from a common mischance – casualties caused by a catastrophe that nobody could have predicted. Imagine if those hundreds have suddenly lost everything: their jobs, their income, their security, their hopes for the future, their retirement, their vehicles, and possibly their homes. Amidst this desperation, a

Courtesy photo

group of selfless Samaritans arrive to turn their darkness to light, even if just for a day.

Are they angels? Perhaps.

It has been said that disasters bring out the best and the worst of humankind. We are fortunate to live in a compassionate and generous community. When disaster strikes in our area, the bias, fortunately, favors the best of humankind.

Last week, Tangipahoa Parish experienced a tragic disaster that nobody expected – one of our area's largest employers, Smitty's Supply, was destroyed by a series of explosions and fires that required a statewide response over almost a week to fully extinguish. In fact, our neighbors across the state line in Mississippi provided assistance, as well.

Over 450 Smitty's employees were immediately displaced. They had jobs on Friday, August 22. On Saturday, August 23, they weren't sure. A few days later, most of them received notice via text message that they had been laid off with no severance.

These freshly unemployed people were at a shocking new low. If anyone needed an angel last week, it was they.

Enter Transport Ministries and its merry band of angels.

Transport Ministries is run by Tangipahoa residents James and Sebrina Sparacello. James is a TPSO deputy with a heart for the community and an endless supply of energy to help others.

Transport Ministries has responded to those in need in the wake of disasters all across the country. Recently, they delivered truckloads of supplies to Kerrville, Texas, after the infamous Guadalupe River flooding that claimed the lives of more than

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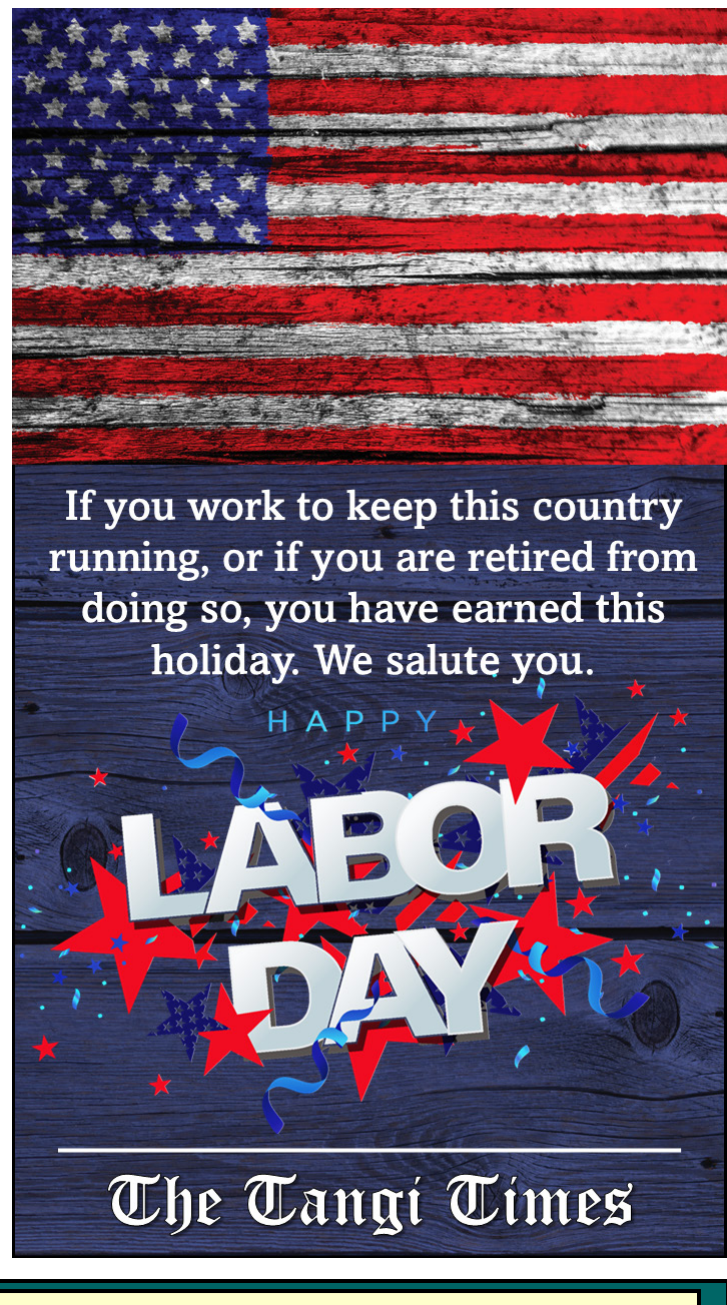
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Rock-Paper-Scissors Showdown at the St. Helena Parish Nursing Home

Residents of the St. Helena Parish Nursing Home had a blast celebrating National Rock Paper Scissors Day with a little friendly competition! The room was filled with laughter, strategy, and good old-fashioned fun.

After some intense (and hilarious) rounds, we crowned our Rock, Paper, Scissors Champion, Linda Galmon!

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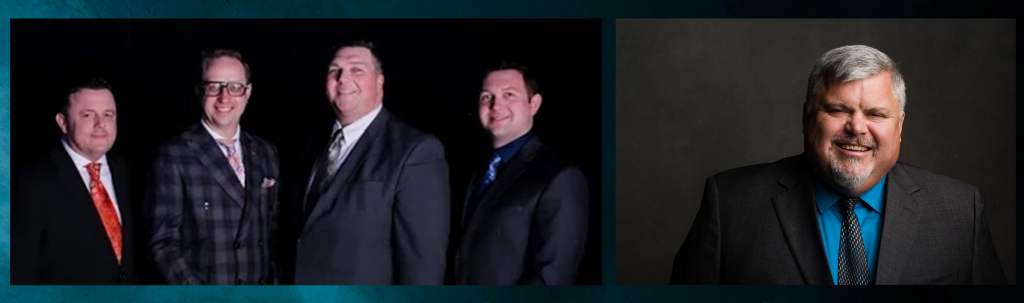

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GOD'S WORK

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100 people over the July 4th weekend.

Rarely, however, do they receive a cry for help so close to home.

When the cry came, James and Sebrina were ready to respond, and they brought friends, including Nito and Janel Rodriguez of Inside Out Ministry in Greensburg, the Mission Church, Heather Hughes and Kayla Iverstine of the Quad Area Community Action Agency, Hammond's Our Daily Bread, Real Deal BBQ, and of course, United by BBQ, a titan in the world of food charity, spearheaded by pitmaster Jeff Petkevicius and supported by restaurateur Trenten Oliphant and Ponchatoula Police Chief Bry Layrisson.

As can always be expected, charity is contagious, and many volunteers showed up in the week after the fire to join the cause. Together, this band of angels cooked thousands of meals, packed thousands of buckets full of supplies, distributed thousands of bottles of water and other drinks, and dried thousands of tears.

In the broad scope of this disaster, there are still many pieces of lives to be picked up and reassembled, but the ribbons of comfort delivered by the volunteers who responded to others' pain in the wake of so many personal tragedies will likely never be forgotten.

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TANGI GUMBO

A little bit of everything you need to know

Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller said Wednesday the parish is "standing with our residents and pushing for answers" following the August 22 fire at Smitty's Supply in Roseland, while acknowledging frustration over the slow release of validated information. After meeting with Gov. Jeff Landry, EPA and DEQ officials, and other experts, Miller confirmed the fire is 98% contained with only small hot spots remaining, air quality is within acceptable levels, and containment efforts continue along the Tangipahoa River to mitigate oil contamination. He urged residents to report impacted wildlife at (832) 514-9663 and noted assistance is available through Smitty's Hotline at 1-877-891-2276. Updates will be posted on Tangipahoa.org and the parish's social media channels.

Officials have released updated safety guidance following the recent fire at the Smitty's Supply Facility, reporting that environmental testing shows no evidence of an imminent health threat from soot or smoke residue in surrounding areas. Out of caution, residents are urged to wash outdoor surfaces that may have been affected, avoid ingesting or directly touching concentrated soot, and practice good hand hygiene after outdoor activities, though no restrictions on activities like washing cars are in place. The Louisiana Department of Health, Department of Environmental Quality, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will continue monitoring air and water quality, with EPA leading the cleanup and material recovery efforts. Officials also clarified that the boil water advisory for the Roseland Water System was precautionary due to pressure drops from heavy firefighting water use, not contamination, and that the system's deep well remains unaffected. Residents with property or insurance questions may contact the Smitty's Supply Claim Line at 877-891-2276.

The Tangipahoa Parish Library, in partnership with the Tangi Chess Club, will host the Tangi Chess Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at Main Street Dance in Hammond, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. and matches starting at 10 a.m. The competition will feature free youth divisions for ages 8U, 10U, and 13U, along with a $25 adult tournament, with fees contributing to the winners' pool. Trophies and additional prizes will be awarded, and organizers encourage the community to come out and support local players while celebrating Tangipahoa Parish's young chess talent. Registration is available online at https://forms.office.com/r/0qkDxwppAf.

Keep Hammond Beautiful has announced its upcoming fall cleanup events for 2025, inviting volunteers to help beautify the community. The cleanups are scheduled for Saturday, September 27, from 8–10 a.m. at the "Welcome to Hammond" sign and railroad tracks at 401 SW Railroad Ave. and E. Coleman St.; Saturday, October 25, from 8–10 a.m. at Clarke Park, 801 S. Holly St.; and Saturday, November 22, from 8–10 a.m., with the location to be determined. For updates and more information, follow Keep Hammond Beautiful on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepHammondBeautiful.

Acting U.S. Attorney Ellison C. Travis announced that 62-year-old Beverly Watson McNabb of Greensburg has pled guilty to theft of government funds after admitting she stole nearly $50,000 in Social Security benefits intended for her deceased family member. Federal prosecutors said McNabb continued withdrawing and spending the benefits for almost five years after her relative's death in 2015, using the money on items including a wedding dress, restaurant meals, and prison commissary purchases for friends. She now faces up to 10 years in prison, a $250,000 fine, and supervised release when sentenced. The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration and U.S. Treasury inspectors and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward H. Warner.

Northshore Technical Community College has once again been honored by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation, earning the Outstanding Employer of the Year (Other than Hospital) award at the Nightingale Awards for the second year in a row. The recognition celebrates NTCC's commitment to professional nursing, leadership innovation, and community engagement. The college also celebrated two standout nominees — Britanie Breland, nominated for RN of the Year, and Deborah Jenkins, nominated for Clinical Educator of the Year — whose dedication continues to inspire excellence in nursing.

A pastalaya fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 13, at 12:00 noon, for the displaced employees of Smitty's Supply. Plates of pastalaya with green beans, a roll, and dessert will be only $10, and all proceeds will be given directly to Smitty's employees in coordination with Smitty's HR department. The location is Brandon's, 13361 Hwy 16, Amite, LA 70422.

Soil cement operations in Kentwood were delayed by rain on Friday; therefore, crews have postponed work on Baytown Hills Road until after the Labor Day holiday.

Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller said Phase 2025 overlay crews will be off Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day. When operations resume on Tuesday, Sept. 2, crews will be working in the following areas:

Shoulder Dressing: Gemstone, Frank, Jaelyn, West Black Cat, Mandella, Perry, West Martin Luther King, South Lewiston, Chappapeela, Briarwood, Lark, and Duncan Avenue;

Patching Operations: Brown Road (Village of Tangipahoa), Baytown Hills Road, Company Town, and Johnson Holton Road; and

Soil Cement: Baytown Hills Road.

All work is weather-permitting, and motorists can expect intermittent delays in construction zones.

For updates on road work in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

The Stateline Crusaders are looking for homeschool girls and boys ages 12-18 for the upcoming basketball season. We're looking forward to an exciting and competitive year!

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When Elevator3 joined the Southeastern Louisiana Business Center Incubator in 2017, their mission was clear: to empower organizations through technology by delivering custom software development, mobile applications, enterprise integrations, process consulting, and powerful dashboards.

SLBC Director Wayne Ricks said during their tenure at the Business Center Incubator, Elevator3 utilized the incubator's professional space, training rooms, and on-site Louisiana Small Business Development Center resources that gave them a practical launchpad while they built their client base and team.

"The proximity to Southeastern's Computer Science program helped us collaborate with students and graduates who were ready to contribute on day one," Co-Founder and CEO Brandon Cornett explained. "That blend of workspace, mentorship, and talent access made it easier to focus on solving real problems for local organizations and scaling responsibly."

Now, as they graduate from the incubator, Elevator3 leaves with a solid foundation, a proven track record, and a portfolio of milestones which include:

2017: Company founding and launch of initial services

2019: Acquisition of first major clients and team expansion

2020: Sustained growth to over 10 employees amid economic challenges

2022: Recognition as one of the Best Places to Work in Baton Rouge

2023: Expanded operations to include remote employees in Houston, Tex.

2024: Surpassed 20 employees, with over 50% graduating from Southeastern Louisiana University

2025: Graduation from the incubator and relocation to independent headquarters in Baton Rouge.

Ricks said Elebator3's journey reflects the incubator's mission — to help businesses grow, thrive, and make a lasting impact in the region.

"Incubators work when they remove friction," said Cornett. "SLBC did that for us by providing space, mentors, and access to a pipeline of job-ready developers so we could stay focused on building products and creating local tech jobs."

For more information on how to start a business in the SLBC Incubator, call 985-549-3199.

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POSITION: Assistant Principal (9.75 Months)

SALARY: $55,212 - $79,372
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LOCATION: Greenville Park Leadership Academy
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Salary Range: DOE/Full-Time with Benefits

Application Deadline: Friday, September 12, 2025, 3:00 PM

Cost of notice: $31.50

Tangipahoa Parish Government

SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) MANAGER

The Tangipahoa Parish Government is searching for experienced candidates for the position of GIS Manager. To join our growing team, please review the list of responsibilities and qualifications. The Parish GIS Manager will maintain the enterprise Geographical Information Systems (GIS) databases, applications, and interfaces to various systems on personal, mid-level, and mainframe computer platforms.

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE
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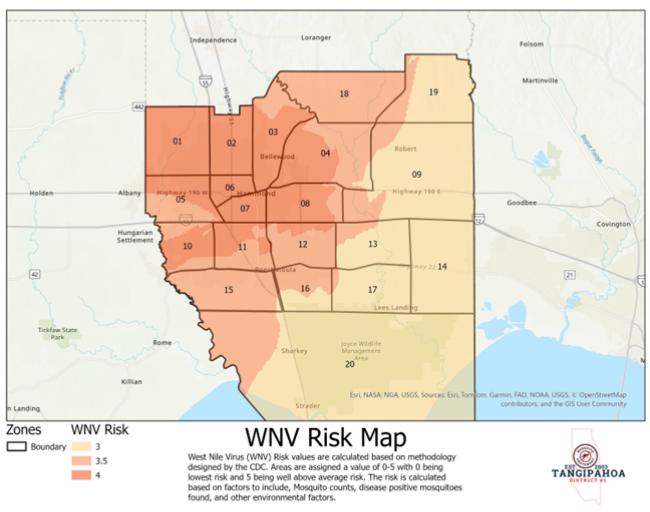

The Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District is asking all residents to perform basic defense methods to help protect against the presence of disease. Methods include wearing long sleeves, limiting time outdoors at dusk and dawn, emptying standing water, and using repellant with DEET or Picaridin (15% lasts 2-4 hrs, 20-50% for 5-8 hrs.) Of the 1,509 samples tested thus far in 2025, 181 have returned positive for WNV. There have been two reported human cases in our district this year.

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SLITHERY THINGS

So misunderstood!

By Kevin Hood
Louisiana Snake ID

Benadryl For Snake Bites? Not So Fast, My Friend!

When you're known as the Louisiana Snake Guy, the snake questions never end, and that's one of my favorite parts of the "job." From identifications to pet advice, emails and messages are always coming our way, and we try to do our best to not only answer but educate. Education is key when overcoming the fear and stigma surrounding snakes, so we'll never shy away from those needing help.

Because people are out in their yards and nature during the spring and summer, this time of the year, many of the messages have to do with pets that have been bitten by snakes. We can watch where we step, watch where we grab, and even wear proper footwear, but for pets, that's not as easy to teach. When it comes to pets, there are very few veterinarians who are well versed in snakes and snake bites.

Many people are told, "Snake Bite? Just give 'em some Benadryl!" But as the great Lee Corso would say, "Not So Fast, My Friend!"

Benadryl is the most common "treatment" vets give to dogs and cats; however it's not only ineffective, but it's also very dangerous for your pets. Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) offers absolutely NO BENEFIT for typical snake envenomations because it is an antihistamine, yet snake venom doesn't contain histamine.

Benadryl not only doesn't help, it can actually give people a false sense of security while also masking true medical issues the pet may be having. If your dog has been bitten by a venomous snake, you want to be able to watch for signs of swelling or breathing issues. Benadryl often makes people and pets very drowsy, which makes it hard to tell if there are any underlying issues or symptoms that need to be treated.

Thankfully most pets do fine with snake bites, but all of them should be checked out by a medical professional. There are blood tests they can do that check to see how the venom is affecting them.

We at Louisiana Snake ID (www.louisianasnakeid.com) are good friends with some of the world's leading venom toxicologists, so we often help get bite victims in touch with the people most equipped to answer their questions. Heeding their advice is the best treatment you can offer your pet.

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Horoscopes

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1st week of September

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You're feeling bold this week, Aries. Use a surge of energy to speak out about something that needs to be said. Be mindful of how others may receive it.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Stability and home life are in the spotlight, Taurus. You may be called to handle something domestic or financial. Use your natural patience to avoid impulsive decisions.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, conversations will flow with ease this week, and you'll be a magnet for interesting ideas. If you have been waiting to pitch an idea, do it right now.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may assess your value right now, both financially and emotionally. An important decision requires you to have a level head. It's a great week to update a budget.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
This week invites you to step into the spotlight, Leo. This is just where you like to be. Don't be afraid to own your power and reveal something personal to friends and family.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you are more introspective than usual. Take time to reflect and recharge this week. Old memories or unfinished business might resurface and you have to face it head on.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Your social life picks up, and someone in your network may present a useful opportunity. Be open to collaboration, Libra. Just don't say yes to too many things at once.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Currently your ambition is in focus and others are noticing, Scorpio. A professional opportunity may come your way, but don't rush the details. Trust your intuition when negotiating.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You are craving inspiration and something new, Sagittarius. This is the week to explore new ideas, travel or study something interesting. A philosophical discussion might come up.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, change is in the air whether you invite it or it finds you. Emotional matters may require some extra attention right now.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, all of your partnerships are going smoothly right now. You may need to readjust your expectations to reflect your productivity. A turning point comes into play midweek.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Think about looking at your daily habits, Pisces. Figure out if anything needs to be tweaked. You need to take care of yourself and prioritize your health.

The Gentle Manatee

One of the more fascinating creatures we have in Louisiana is one I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting in person: the Manatee, a marine mammal sometimes also called the sea cow. Their babies are called calves.

Manatees are one of the gentler creatures and have no natural predators other than humans. We've been the biggest threat to manatees by causing severe injuries and even death by boating collisions and propellers, as well as nets and carelessly discarded garbage polluting all of our waterways. Severe pollution affects water quality, and these poor gentle giants are losing more and more of their habitats.

Manatees have two flippers in the front and a large, paddle-shaped tail. They use their flippers to steer and hold vegetation They can eat up to 10-15% of their body weight each day, earning them their 'sea cow' nickname.

Being strict herbivores, they spend most of their waking hours eating, their diet consisting mainly of different aquatic and underwater vegetation and grasses. Not having any natural predators, they can live up to 60 years or more.

An amazing thing they can do that we can't do is continually regrow their teeth, all of which are molars. This comes in handy when most of your diet is vegetation riddled with sand. They swim at a slow and relaxing speed of roughly 5mph, and this slow motion allows algae and barnacles to grow and thrive on their skin.

Despite having small brains, manatees are highly intelligent and have performed as well as dolphins when given specific tasks. Their shape and size may fool us into believing they're clumsy, but they are in fact very good swimmers, even though they weigh anywhere from 1000-3500 lbs. and reach lengths of up to 13 feet long!

They can also hold their breath underwater for about 20 minutes.

Unlike fish, manatees don't have swim bladders to regulate buoyancy, so they use their digestive tracts instead and sink lower in the water by expelling gas, which uses less energy than having to put forth the effort when having to swim.

According to witnesses who have seen this firsthand, they produce a huge amount of methane, just like land cows. So those bubbles popping on the surface of the water during a relaxing kayaking trip may mean a manatee is nearby.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) had to put caution signs at various boat launches in Louisiana notifying boaters to be aware of the West Indian manatees, as they migrate from Florida to Louisiana during the summer months. They have been spotted in Louisiana lakes, freshwater rivers, and marshes in the southern part of the state.

The West Indian manatee is a federally threatened species, and it is illegal to harm, harass, or even touch them. Manatees were down-listed from endangered to threatened in 2017 because of an increase in manatee populations and the success of conservation and habitat restoration efforts.

However, they are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), enacted in 1972. The MMPA ensures that threatened species like manatees are not to be removed from their natural habitats.

Any manatee sighting information, with pictures and video footage, if possible, should be reported to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at 1-800-442-2511. Sighting information allows LDWF biologists to track waterways in Louisiana that are used by manatees, and to respond promptly if a manatee is found injured.

ROAD RAGE

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Following Katelynn's official death, one of the Attempted Murder charges against Barry West was upgraded to Second Degree Murder. The remaining three counts of Attempted Second Degree Murder remain, along with one count each of Illegal Use of a Weapon and Obstruction of Justice.

Social media behaved as you would expect; every person behind a keyboard is an expert in every discipline. As such, criticism erupted about the handling of this case from A to Z, especially directed at TPSO, regarding its delayed reporting of certain details of the event, including the update that Katelynn had passed away.

According to TPSO: "Over the past year, the TPSO has maintained a consistent and diligent practice of proactively publicizing the activities of public interest occurring around the parish in a timely manner. The timing of this specific release was guided by respect for the sensitivity surrounding the difficult end-of-life decisions this victim's family was facing."

There was also a deluge of reports that the suspect in this case, Barry West, has been known to display this type of unstable behavior of flashing guns during road rage incidents in the Ponchatoula and Hammond areas. Some allegations even suggested that West was a former employee of TPSO.

TPSO responded, "To address questions regarding this suspect's association with TPSO, records dating back as far as their system currently allows (2007) do not show any employees with the last name of West.

"On the subject of the suspect, if anyone believes they have had a similar encounter with this suspect in the past, please contact our Criminal Investigations Division at 985-902-2088 to file an official report."

As always, information can be shared anonymously through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or "Submit A Tip"! You may be eligible for a cash award.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker spoke on this inordinate and sad incident: "This is a senseless tragedy on Sunday morning with no logical reason for this family to be experiencing this heartbreak right now. The public has to be patient and considerate when driving, at all times, and if there is a concern for your safety, call 911 and report the concern."

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Bear Creek Western Store
Miller's Grocery
Natalbany Creek Campground
Bizzy Bee
Pine Grove
Pine Grove Auto Parts
Ponchatoula
Bohning's
Gabriel Building Supply
CVS Ponchatoula
B2 Antiques
Moss & Berry
Ponchatoula Family Pharmacy
Specialty RX Pharmacy
Robert
Robert Supermarket
Robert Pharmacy
Roseland
Sky's Pantry
Springfield
Landry-Poché Farm
Childers Grocery
P'Maw's Bait Shop
Tangipahoa
TG Mini Mart
Tickfaw
Alissa's Beauty Salon

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